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DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have constituted any task force for preparation of plans for development of tourism in certain regions/areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of areas for which action plans have been prepared and the details of areas where the action plans are yet to be prepared;

(d) the total investment required to implement these plans during the Tenth Plan period;

(e) the total funds earmarked by the Planning Commission for the completion of these plans during the said Plan; and

(f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to implement these plans and make funds available?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) and (b): Government have not constituted any task force for preparation of plans for development of tourism. However, the Department of Tourism, Govt. of India has engaged Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd. (HUDCO), a public sector undertaking to prepare development plans/master plans for certain areas/centres such as Hampi Group of monuments in Karnataka; Rishikesh and Haridwar in Uttaranchal; Eastern Circuit comprising Vaishali-Rajgir-Nalanda-Bodhgaya in Bihar; Sarnath and Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh; Mahabalipuram, Thiruvannamalai and Kanyakumari in TamilNadu; Central Circuit comprising Bhopal-Sanchi-Vidisha-Udaygiri-Bhojpur-Bhimbetka- Hoshangabad in Madhya Pradesh and tourist circuit of North-East region comprising Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh.

(c): Preparation of master plans have been completed in respect of Rishikesh and Haridwar, Mahabalipuram, central circuit in Madhya Pradesh and tourist circuit of North- East region.

(d), (e) and (f): The Planning Commission has indicated a total outlay of Rs.2900 crores for the Tenth Plan for tourism sector out of which Rs. 1535.50 crores have been earmarked for tourism infrastructure development in the country including the areas/centres mentioned above. These funds are earmarked for the integrated development of Tourist Circuits and Destinations.